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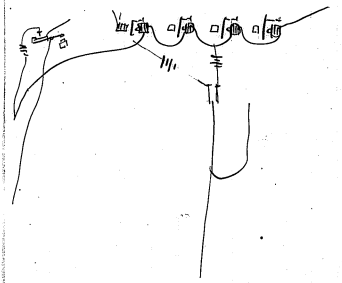

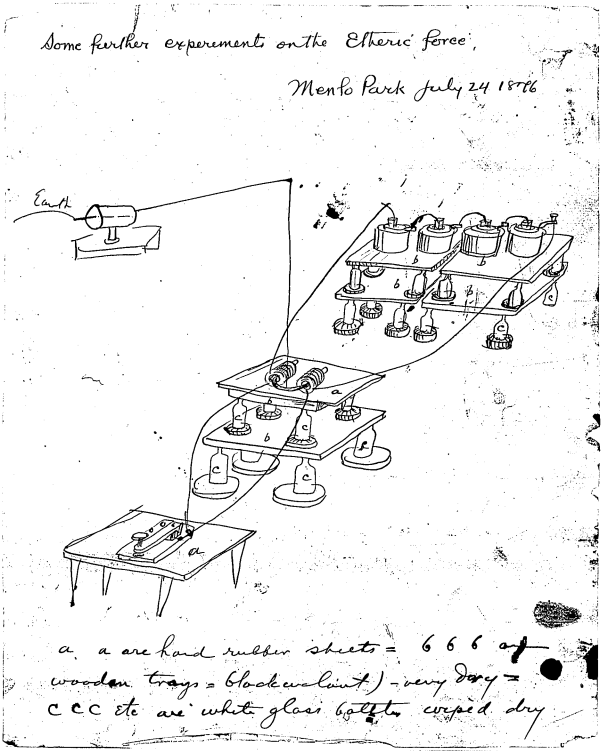
Some further experements on the Etheric force.
Menlo Park July 24 1876
Earth
a a are hard rubber sheets = 6 6 6 of
wooden trays = blackwalnut) - very dry =
c c c etc are white glass bottles coated dry

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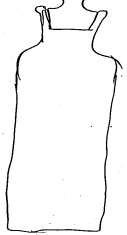
1½ inch diameter 6 inches high with round stopped [illegible] bearing but [illegible]

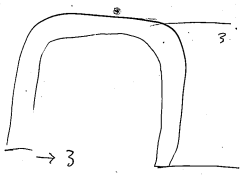


Bearing for the wood to rest against = Under Each Cell is a piece of hard rubber polished on both sides 2 ½ inches diameter, =

4 Cells were used, 1 ½ size with new Zinc & just amalgamated = ~~the~~ 2 Cells in one ~~set~~ of the trays & 2 on the other = the last row or bottom batter of the battery stand stand on hard rubber slap 3 by 6, [illegible] ½ inch thick =

3

The magnet was composed of 2 Bradley spools of naked wire, Each spool having exactly 6 ohms resistance & were after the same diameter & length & mounted in the Coils was a horseshoe of brass. diameter of brass wire 5/16 length 3 1/2 inches inside between prongs =



The prongs as they altered spools were covered with thick shells over which was tissue paper = The magnet ends were conducted to the key & battery by [illegible]

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4 wire = paraffined cotton =
attached to the centre of the
harmonic was a wire also of
same wire leading to the
damper box = this wire runs to
a staple driven in the ceiling
then to another staple down
to the box = This box was the
one used in previous experiments =
Consists entirely of hard rubber
polished into the ends of which
are two screws provided with
hard rubber heads. These screws
run in brass sleeves fixed in
the head of the round rubber
box on the end are the
graphite pencil points
point at the End =

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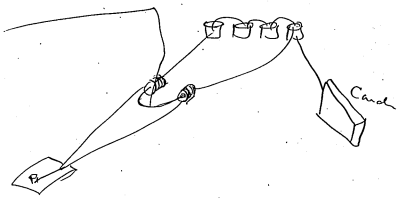
July 24 =

Could get no spark at first ascertained that the graphite points did not meet properly = had them fixed, Could not get a spark ~~from~~ attached a Condenser to one pole of the battery then =



We then after few minutes time got several sparks = detached Condenser set it down on floor 3 feet from the others on one side = got several sparks = took it

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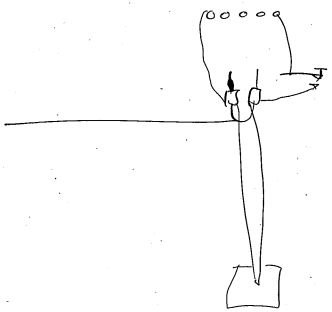
away although still got some sparks then for 1/2 hour could get none = put Cadmium with 5 feet got after long trial one spark = took Cadmium away. but after 3/4 of an hour failed to get a spark Either with Cadmium on one side or away although thinking perhaps had adjustment of the graphite points = in fact the Screw went too tight to get a fine adjustment = one now having screw eased = after awhile could not get any Either with Cadmium or without put Cadmium Direct one side at pole of battery at other end of spool + of Key

7 inserted key as follows



after 20 minutes careful adjustment got very brilliant spark but couldn't get it afterwards = after trying for one an hour added 4 more Cuban 1½ cells to battery making 6 altogether =

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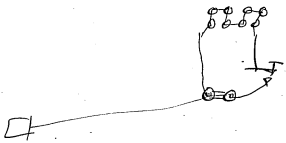
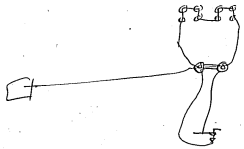
Replaced the spools with a G Block printer spools with new covers; replacing key by side after they got plugged,



2 nd cylinder laying across cover; when key was connected they got working after 5 minutes trial



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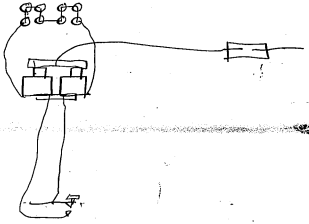
used the zinc cylinder lapping
on Core of Electromagnet.
We had the zinc thus -

for fear that the threw it out
of Balance fixed the zinc thus.

So the whole arrangement was
thus =



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Replaced key. got nothing =
put key back on side of magnet
got it a few seconds. then
replaced key in Centre. &
got it Beautiful Every line
appears to want a different
adjustment = Each body
divided so that Equal
parts, should be on a circle,
removed Every object from
vacinity of magnet that
would give a great amount
of surface or metal on one
side or the other = then
I closed key by a glass
rod 3 feet long still got
brilliant spark =

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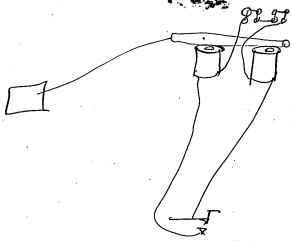
So this experiment would seem to indicate that the so-called polarity Experiments of Houston & Thompson were incorrectly made

In addition to this we replaced the 6 ohm coils thus



and got at first time. the apparently ohmic effect ~~that it is~~ Thompson & Houston Error was already found of the point = placing the Key on one side allowing of a greater length of wire in one side

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at the moment of break a given a
greater spark, which was only
reduced in strength by putting the
Key in the middle =
We then put the zinc cylinder in
of inside one of the spools
get spark good = then put
a cylinder in each spool
the zinc cylinder connected
together with copper wire got
it ok = We then replaced
the first horseshoe brass
pieces = = 2 and have just
tried each Experiment that
apparently Confirms Hustons #.7
& Nullifies our previous ones Weight
by putting one prong of Horseshoe in one
spool get spark put it in the
other get spark but when both

prongs were mounted in both spools.
It took a long time to obtain a
spark shewing either a reduction
in intensity or else that something
must have [redacted] one side slightly
out of bal. If H & T, I think is correct
I [redacted] the cylinder
Connected together with copper
wire & spool, placed wide
apart by careful adjustment
Sometimes got a spark
but when one cylinder only
was used got it inherent
my trouble adjusting
So far I think that H & T are confirmed
as perhaps one spool of the E.T.S
was stronger than the other or the
zinc cylinder did not touch it
would disturb the balance of them
is one & allow the sparks but yet

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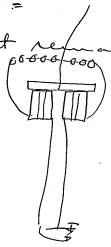
~~Unsuccessful~~ according to
T+H position of the key its
preparation of mass of wax
is everything ~~the~~ is the cause
that I do not find to be the cause -
but further experiment will determine
this; perhaps better insulation
of the cylinder from the coils
is desirable =

One Experiment remains to be explored



the spark was just as easily obtained
by laying the cylinder on strip of
both spread. as when put in
the hollow of one

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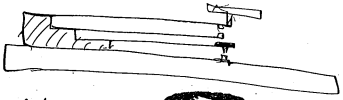
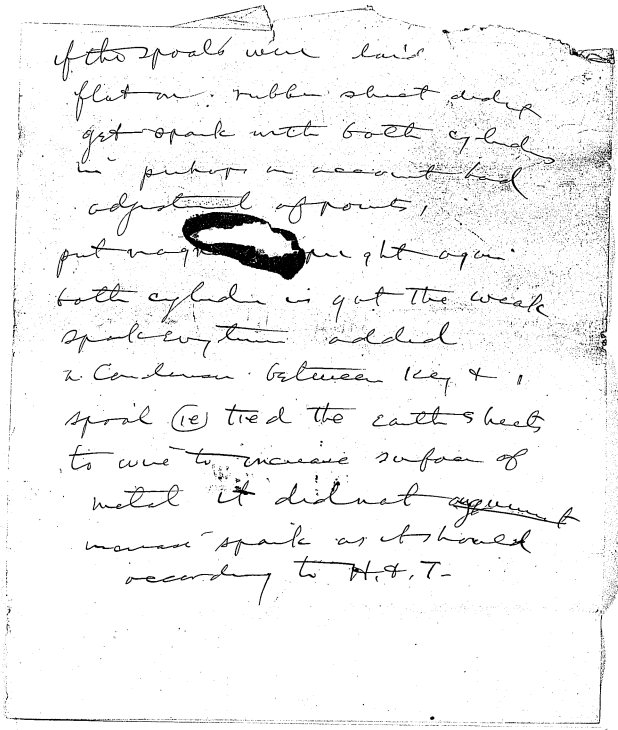
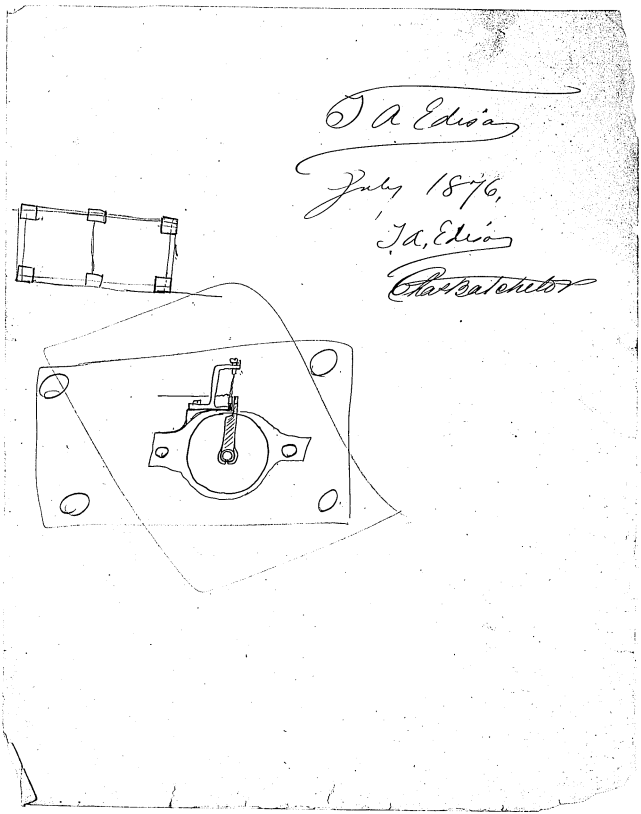


It's almost [redacted] to close the
Key with giving a spark making
showing there is a rebound or
break on closing =

put hard rubber bushings
in magnet when upon inserting
Zinc cylinder in each we
got the spark Every time
with Exciting Central but
it was at least 2 twice as
weak as when only one
cylinder in one spool =


if the spoals were laid
flat on rubber sheet deadly
get spark with both cylinders
in pickup on account bad
adjustment of points,
put magneto on right again
both cylinders is got the weak
spark every time added
a Condenser between key & 1
spoal (1e) tried the earth sheet
to wire to increase surface of
metal it didnot augment
naman spark as it should
according to H.T.T.



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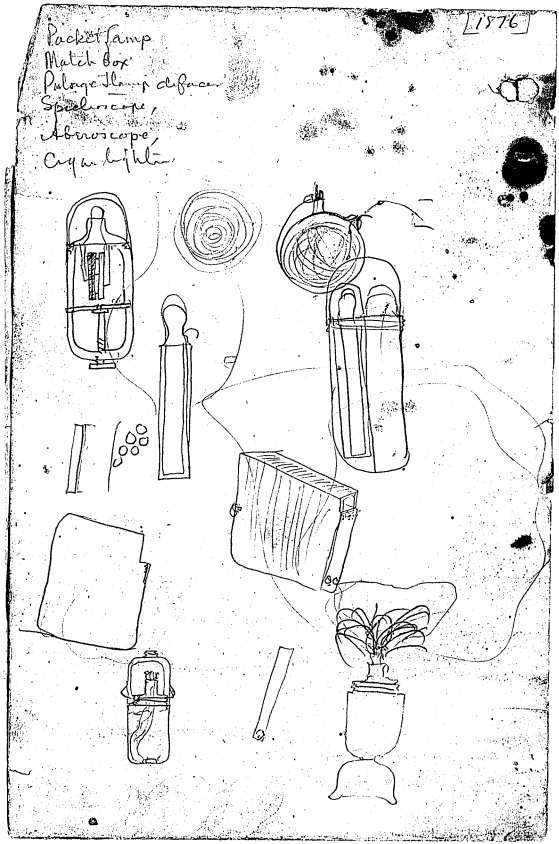
Pocket lamp
Match Box
Palagentlamp d'Arcan
Speculoscope,
Laryngoscope,
Cigar lighter



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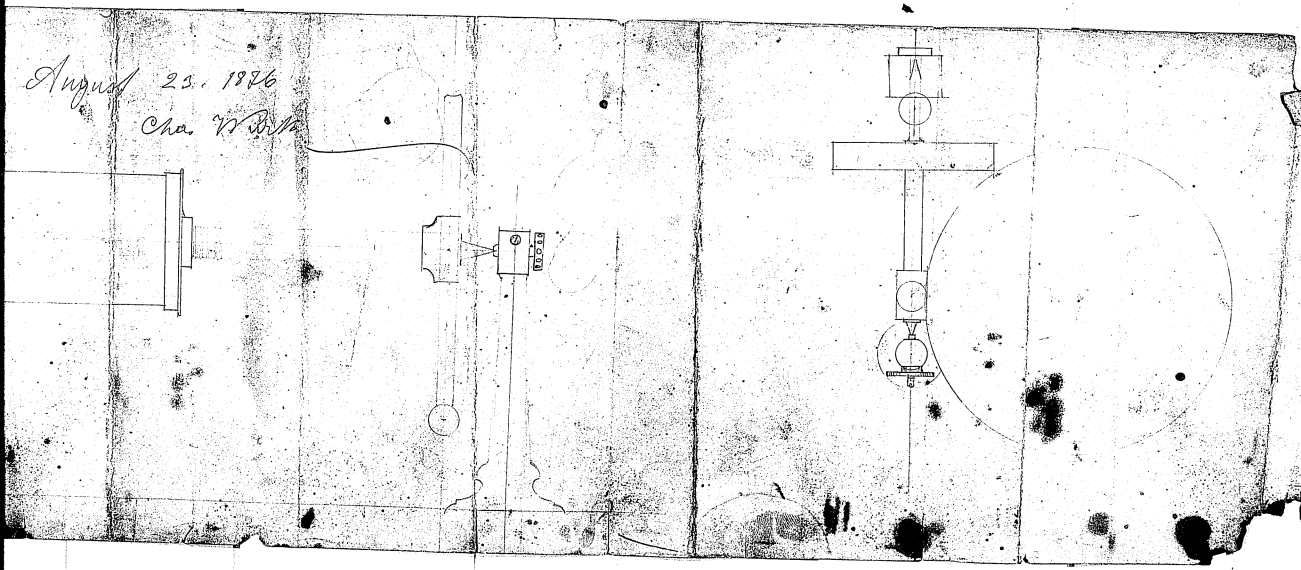

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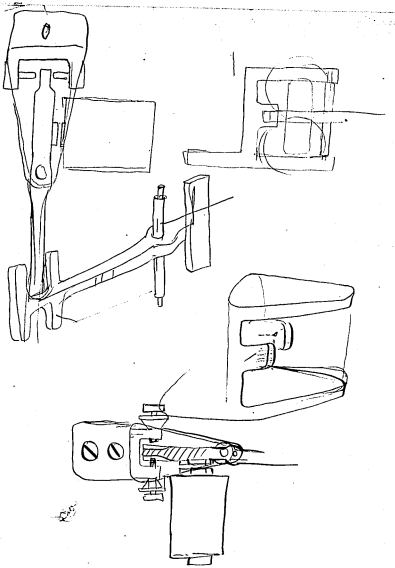

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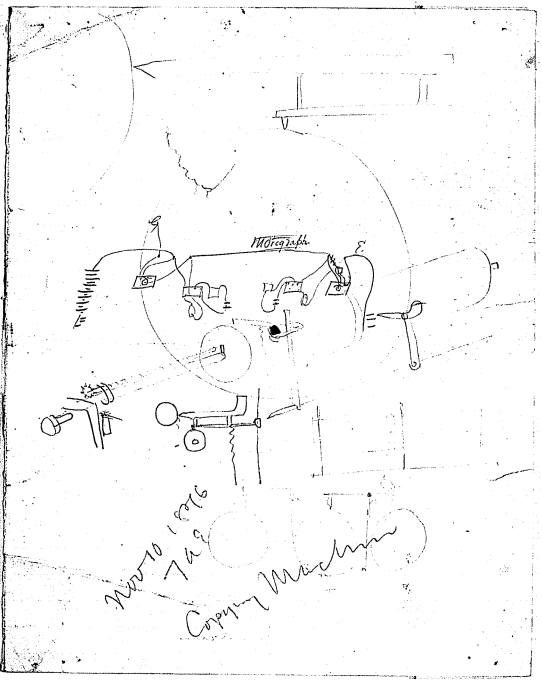

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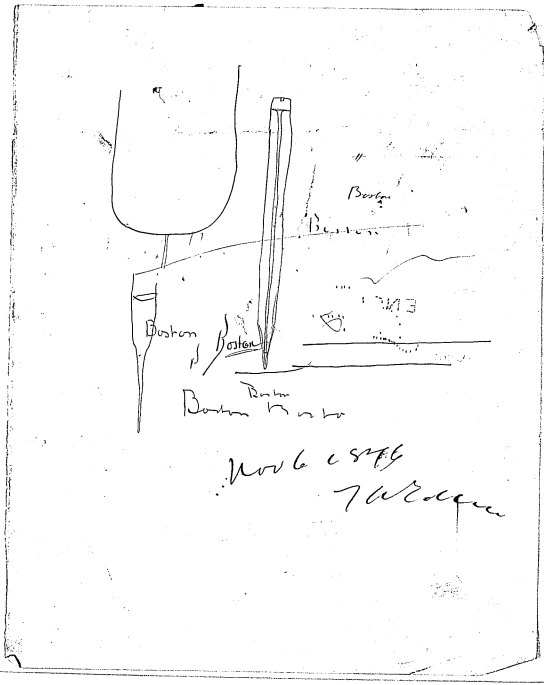

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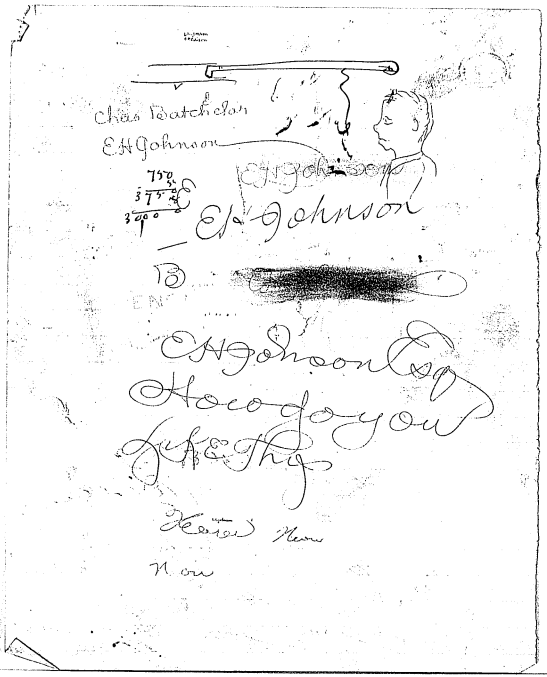

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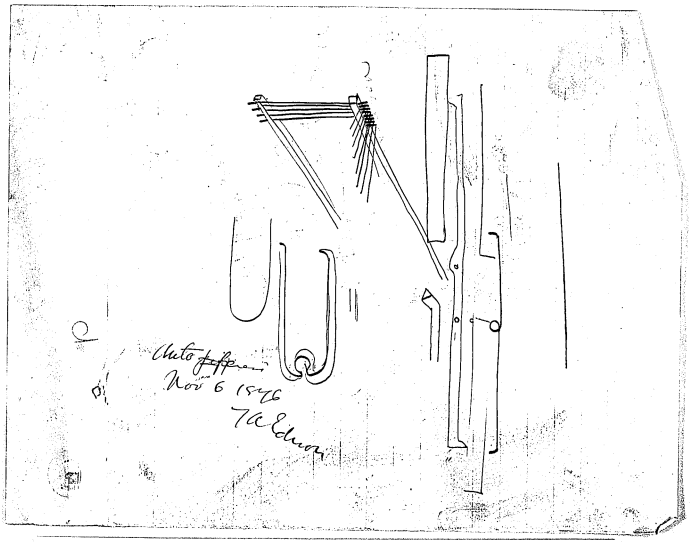

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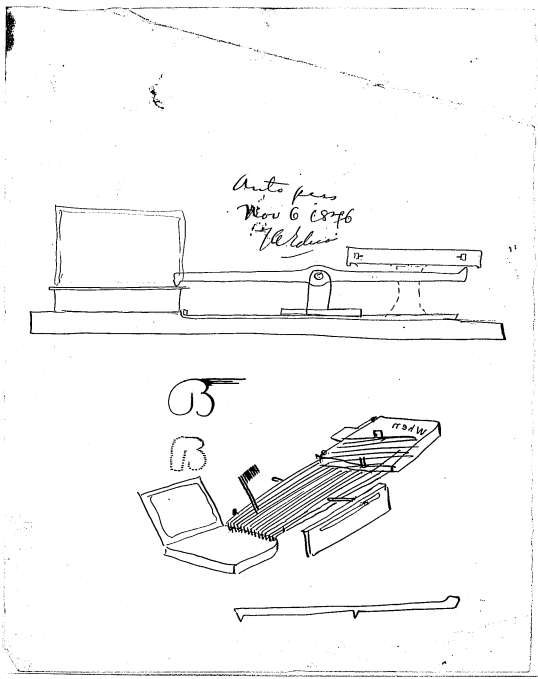

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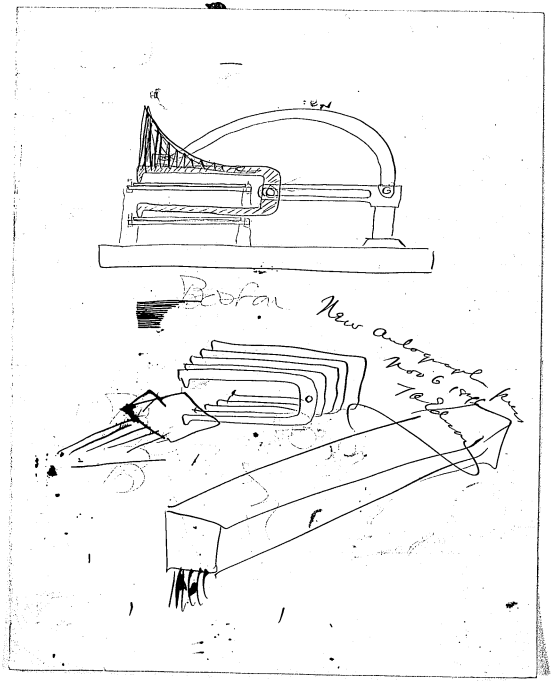

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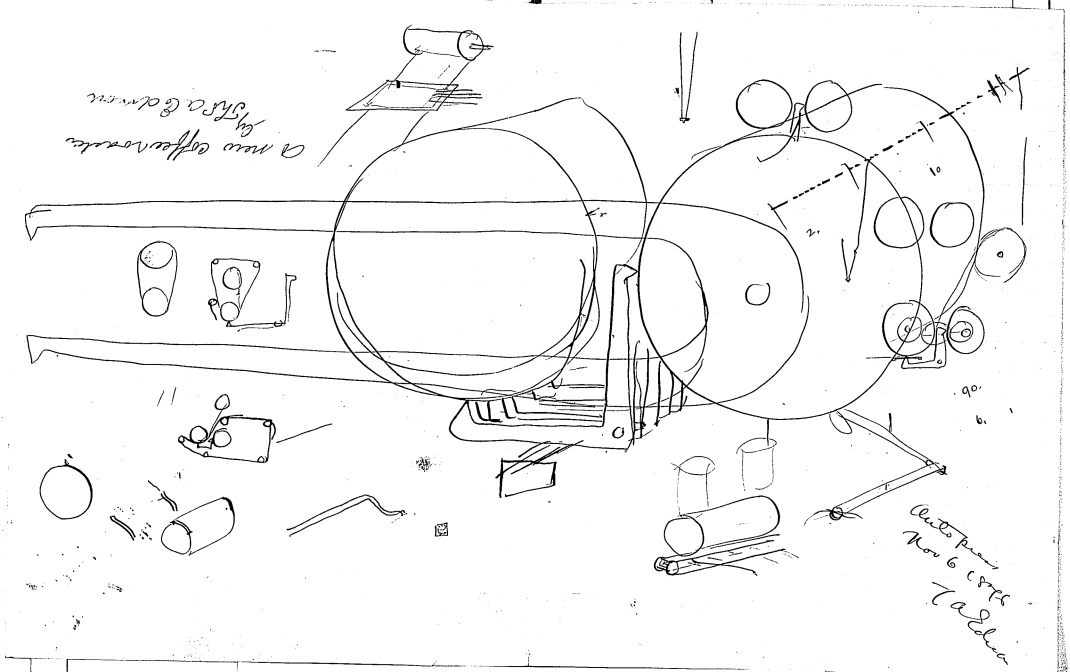

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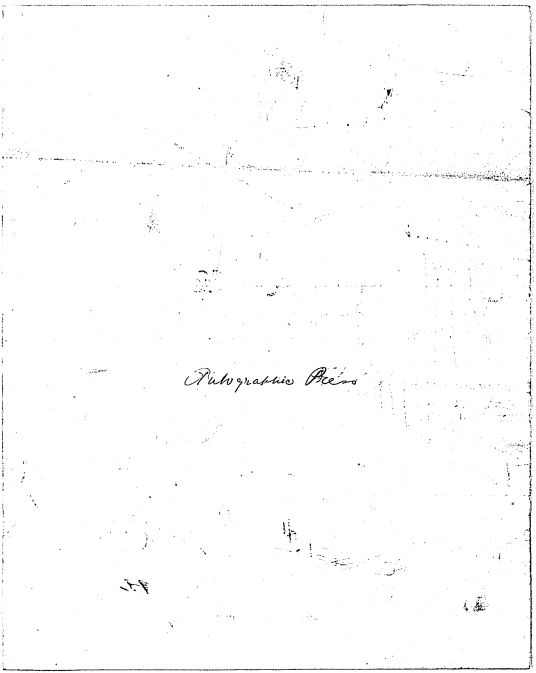

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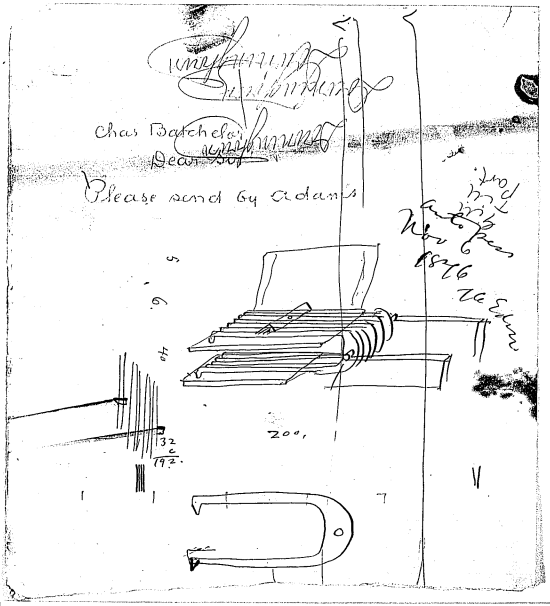

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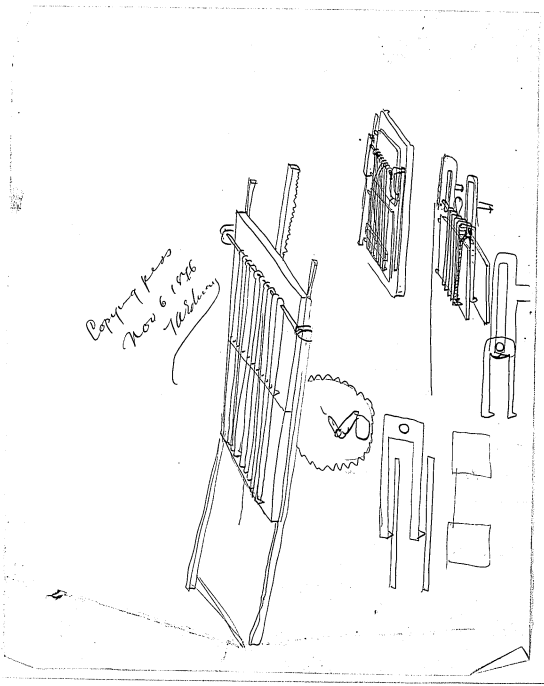

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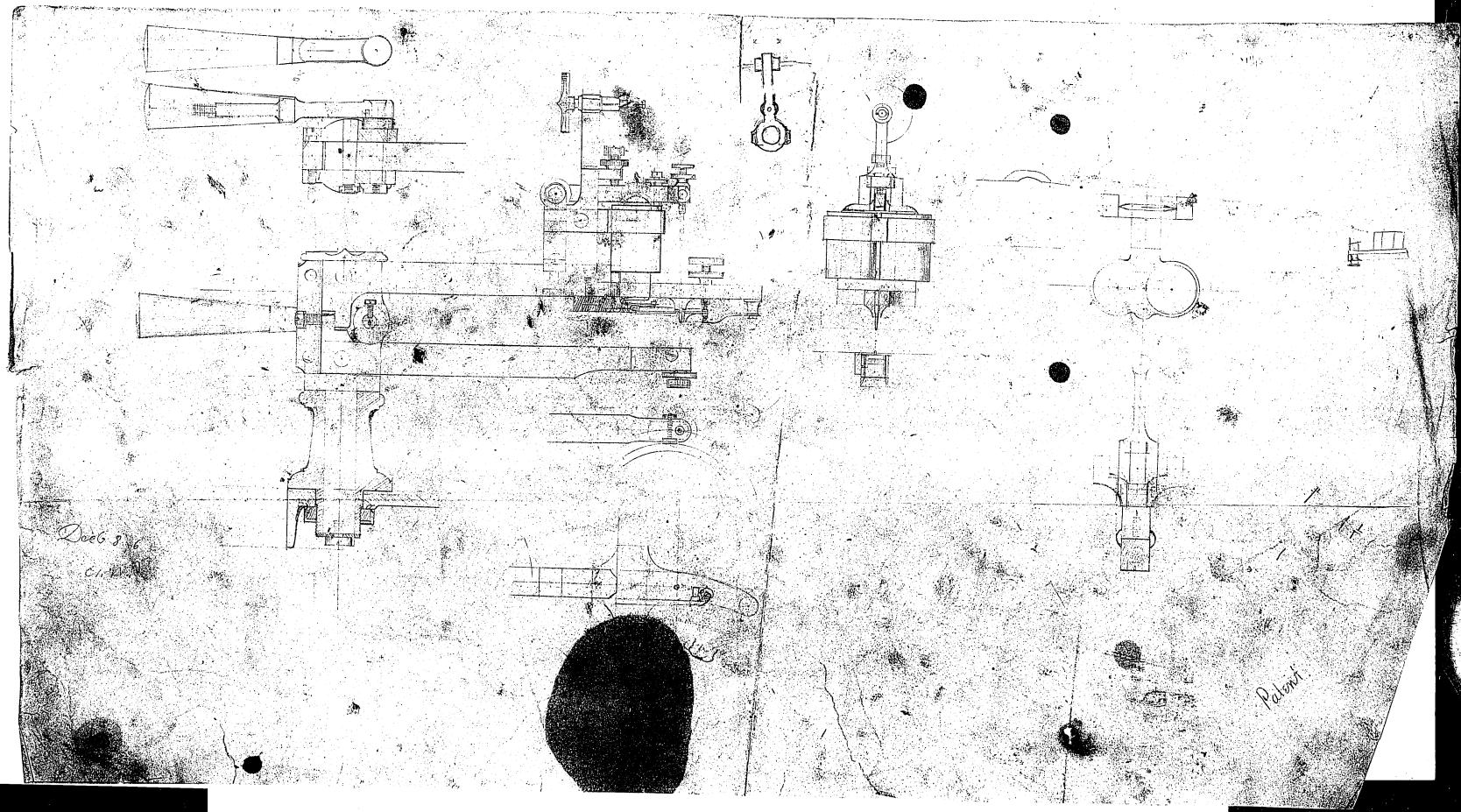
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